

Record of Discussion

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## Problems Relating to Air Force Production of Section 83

1. I discussed this date with Col. Hausman and Col. Bower problems which have arisen in Air Force production of Section 83 under the new Outline Guide, prepared by the Air Force and recently approved by the NIS Committee. The first problem was that of effective Air Force production for the NIS. Previous to this meeting Col. Hausman told me privately that a recent memorandum from him to Col. Morrow outlined the deficiencies in the current quantitative Air Force production. As a result of this memorandum Col. Morrow laid down a firm requirement that Air Force production units would give priority to NIS and would meet commitments for the year. In addition to this memorandum Col. Hausman had recommended, when he first arrived in the Air Force Directorate, that the NIS Coordinator be assigned to an administrative level which would make possible effective control of the Air Force production for the NIS. Currently the NIS Committee Member acts within the Air Force Directorate as a Branch Chief with the result that his efforts for maintaining production are ineffectual except through memorandum to Col. Morrow and to others within the Directorate, setting forth the production deficiencies. Col. Morrow said that with the beginning of the new Fiscal Year 1956 he would put into operation the essential features of Col. Hausman's recommendations.

2. The second problem involved the literal manner in which the Air Force has interpreted the new NIS Outline Guide, with the result that the first section (Saudi Arabia) coming in under this outline was below minimum standards. The principal defects were outlined in a recent memorandum from Col. Bower to me which I made available to Col. Hausman for his information.

3. In particular the following points were discussed and agreement reached:

- a) Hereafter Air Force will prepare a list of coordinates for each airfield listed on the accompanying map to Section 83; that is, each airfield for which a symbol is used on the map. These named airfields and their coordinates will be published on the apron of the Air Facilities map.

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- b) Col. Bower indicated that the new Outline Guide does not require a breakdown of total air strength into categories. It was agreed in general terms that such a breakdown would be made in terms of fighters, bombers, reconnaissance, etc., and furthermore, that these general categories would be subdivided into piston type and jet planes. In general terms also the bomber category would be broken down into long-range and medium bombers. Significant aspects of this air order of battle would be noted in the text.

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Such items would require elaboration in the text to clarify matters of intelligence significance.

- c) While no detailed table of air facilities will be carried in Section 83 under the new outline, there will be indicated within the text general descriptions of airfield complexes and other matters of intelligence significance. Where such statements as "four (4) airfields of such and such a category" are made in the text, this will be elaborated to give the actual names of the airfields.

4. General agreement was reached with Col. Hausman that his office would give adequate review to forthcoming Sections 83 to insure that the overall intelligence picture is full and complete. Every effort will be made to eliminate gaps and superficial treatment with the understanding that certain Air Force requirements developed at the policy level will be accepted.

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